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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

56. (Currently amended) A method for drug discovery comprising the steps of: providing a molecular descriptor array having a plurality of definable locations,

providing a pharmaceutically active compound to the molecular descriptor array, and monitoring the response of the molecular descriptor array to the pharmaceutically active compound, thereby developing a response profile for the pharmaceutically active compound,

subsequently providing in series related compounds to the molecular descriptor array, monitoring the response of the molecular descriptor array to the related compounds, thereby developing further response profiles for the related compounds, and

providing a test compound to the molecular descriptor array, monitoring the response of the molecular descriptor arrays to the test compound and analyzing the response of the test compound relative to the response profiles for the pharmaceutically active compound and related compounds so as to predict expected response of the test compound.

